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SUBJECT: SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S VISIT TO AUCKLAND

VISIT TO AUCKLAND OF HEW SECRETARY AND MRS CASPER WEINBERGER ON MAY 8-9 WAS SUCCESSFUL FROM POINT OF VIEW OF US OBJECTIVES IN NEW ZEALAND. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES IN AUCKLAND WERE FUNCTIONS HONORING BATTLE OF CORAL SEA ANNIVERSARY, INCLUDING ADDRESS TO ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION AND LAYING WREATH AT MONUMENT TO NZ WAR DEAD. ALSO VISITED MEDICAL RESEARCH AND REHABILITATION CENTERS.

CHOICE OF SECRETARY OF HEW TO REPRESENT USG AT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT WAS A HAPPY ONE. HIS SPEECH WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED BY ESU MEMBERS, MANY OF WHOM COMMENTED ON APPROPRIATENESS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S SENDING SECRETARY WEINBERGER TO COUNTRY WHICH PRIDES ITSELF ON PIONEERING LEGISLATION IN SOCIAL AND MEDICAL WELFARE. MEMBERS OF CONGEN STAFF HEARD COMMENTS FROM NEW ZEALANDERS WHO HEARD SPEECH OR SAW TV INTERVIEW EXPRESSING PLEASED SURPRISE AT LARGE AMOUNTS SPENT ON HEW PROGRAMS IN US. TV INTERVIEWER EMPHASIZED SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S REPUTATION IN OMB AND HEW FOR CUTTING PROGRAMS (CAP THE KNIFE") THE SECRETARY TURNED THIS AROUND VERY NEATLY WITH CLEAR MESSAGE ABOUT CUTTING PROGRAMS

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WHICH ARE NOT PRODUCING RESULTS SO AS TO OPERATE MORE EFFIC-

IENTLY THOSE WHICH DO PRODUCE RESULTS.

IN SUMMARY, WE CONSIDER IT AN EXCELLENT VISIT WHICH MADE
CONSIDERABLE IMPACT AND A LASTING IMPRESSION IN AUCKLAND
FAVORABLE TO THE US. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT SECRETARY AND MRS.
WEINBERGER TRAVELED WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING STAFF.

AT CORAL SEA ANNIVERSARY DINNER HONORING SECRETARY WEINBERGER,
DEFENSE MINISTER WILLIAM FRASER TOLD THE SECRETARY AND THE
CONSUL GENERAL IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS THAT USG "SHOULD NOT
WORRY ABOUT NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL. HE EMPHASIZED MAJOR
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROHIBITING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND
EXCLUDING WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT CARRYING NUCLEAR DEVICES OR
HAVING NUCLEAR PROPULSION. STRONG IMPLICATION WAS THAT NEW
ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON FORMER ASPECT AND
ACCOMMODATE US ON LATTER.
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